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Dear Bob,

The recent news accounts of Senator McGovern's giving your committee the brochure on Castro's version of attempts to assassinate him interest me much. I'd very much appreciate a xerox of this brochure. I believe that if your committee has an interest I might be able to be of some help, from my files and from those I have interviewed who might or might not be able or willing to help your investigators. Not all are dependable types.

My files on this go back about 10 years. They range from news accounts to personal, taped interviews.

One of these interviews was with a CIA man who claimed to have been close to Castro and to have defected. He was a Bay of Pigs captive? That he had dependable information was certified to me by two responsible men, one a business man and the other also a prisoner who became an official of the City of New Orleans. This interview ranged from an account of an almost successful assassination attempt (the bazooka one) to Castro's efforts to avoid any.

On the other things we discussed I'm writing a new close to the book I want to be able to give Mac so he can select what documentation he may want. I have estimates from printers. This writing will include new documentation and will be quite relevant to the functioning of the executive agencies.

It now appears that I will be able to include a fairly large appendix of facsimile reproductions of formerly secret documents, many more than those I showed you. My belief is that in other areas they are as definitive as one could hope for.

If when he has time Mac wants to see some of this here and he can do it so he can have supper in Frederick, he may be unaware of it but some of his staff has been magnificent in trying to help two very decent and much abused people who have a very good and almost ruined Chinese restaurant in Frederick. We have come to know them well. They would be delighted to have Mac and his party as their dinner guests. (He might be thanked but he'd not be pressured.) He might enjoy some good Szechuan cooking.

The committee's work may include some unclassified transcripts of conversations with Castro, particularly about U.S. policy over the years and especially about J.F.K. These could be valuable to my work and important to the archival value of my files if copies can be available.

My own experiences with the stonewalling CIA and FBI may be of interest to you. The CIA is denying it has files of which I have copies, files on me. I consider it possible that some of this stonewalling may lead to an end to an indictment that ought to go to trial.

Thanks for anything you can do.

Best regards,

Harold Weisberg